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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: S. KATO, et al.
Application No.: 10/796,207
Filed: March 10, 2004
For: VACUUM PROCESSING APPARATUS AND OPERATING
METHOD THEREFOR
Group Art Unit: 3749
Examiner: K. O'Malley

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 28, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed July 28, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$450.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

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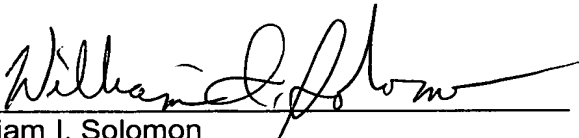
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